

# FIRST'S FAMILY



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## **First Presbyterian Church will celebrate the birthday of the Church, Pentecost Sunday, May 20.**

On this date, as we have since 1998, we will take the Pentecost Offering. This denominational special offering is intended to nurture the faith of children, youth and young adults.

**40% – Johnson County programs serving youth, United Action for Youth (UAY) and Four Oaks serving youth will be the recipients of the FPC offering. Please visit their displays in Ryerson Fellowship Hall following worship on May 13 and May 20 to learn of their services.**

25% – Young adult volunteer programs throughout the world.

25% – Youth ministries that guide youth.

10% – Child advocacy.

While each of these ministries is important, know that 40% of your Pentecost Offering will directly benefit Johnson County youth. Offering envelopes will be in the pews Sunday, May 13, May 20 and May 27. The giving kiosk will accept donations, as well. Thank **you** for your generosity!

### **Let's meet United Action for Youth (UAY)**

United Action for Youth (UAY) empowers young people from all different backgrounds and with all different struggles to be the best version of themselves. UAY is a safe place for all teenagers to gain support, develop life skills, and share their talents with the community. Young people can visit the Swaim Youth Center located in downtown Iowa City for a respectful and youth-friendly space that includes an art studio and a music recording studio, or they can visit the main office located in Eastdale Plaza for a full menu of mental health and crisis mediation services. Find out more about the services offered to youth and families by visiting their Facebook page @United Action for Youth or [www.unitedactionforyouth.org](http://www.unitedactionforyouth.org). *Thank you for caring for our young people!*



### **Let's meet Four Oaks**

Four Oaks assists children to become successful adults despite economic, environmental and behavioral challenges. The TotalChild approach—where they serve children and families in an all-encompassing way, rather than just addressing one issue at a time—permeates everything they do. TotalChild is an innovative long-term holistic program focused on helping children become successful adults by assisting the youth and their families in any situation that comes along. The Success Manager partners with a child and his or her family by helping coordinate different services throughout Four Oaks and the community and assisting the family progressing through life's twists and turns. Most programs phase out clients once the child reaches stability; however, with TotalChild, the Success Manager stays connected with their family until the child turns 18, providing ongoing support and safety nets. The Four Oaks website is [www.fouroaks.org](http://www.fouroaks.org).



## **Think that you have the best chili in town?**

Come and cast your vote and support the youth group raise mission trip transportation funds.

**The Tongues of Fire Chili Cook-Off will be  
Pentecost, Sunday, May 20 after church.**



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## ***Dear sisters and brothers of First Presbyterian Church,***

The peace of the Lord be with you! As I write this, gray clouds persist, yet old Sol peeks out to see if he is still welcome here. He is! The last splotch of snow disappears quickly from my gaze. Everything in my yard remains hues of brown, yet I know an ancient Iowa truth will soon be proven: When April snows, May grows! I can hardly wait!

It may be odd to think of harvest during a season when crops have yet to be planted, yet in the rain and snow we know that God prepares us now for what is to come later. We call this “the Providence of God.” God is pro-video (sees ahead) and then provides for us. Jesus says, “Seek first the realm of God and all else needed will be given to you” (Matthew 6:33). The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:8, “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” First God provides winter’s hard freeze, spring snows, driving wind and increasingly warm days toward the end that, second and soon thereafter, our world is transformed. Beauty and fertility reward our patience, and these are gifts from God.

Just wait and see if this is not what happens! Put God to the test and then realize daily that praise is due to God for making sure that we are fed, clothed, sheltered and given more than enough to share with God, with one another and with the wider region and world.

Passing through enforced rest caused by the flu and then a minor surgical procedure, God gave me time to reflect on the blessings all around me. This list includes

- Iowa blue skies mottled by clouds,
- our congregation heartily singing Handel’s Hallelujah chorus,
- Ministries of the church perfectly capable of moving forward with only encouragement from me,
- passionate people of deep conviction able to work out their differences to the glory of God,
- the births of babies,
- the joyful, celebrative and beautiful send-off for God’s saints,
- the amazing participation of our people in the new Johnson County Interfaith Cluster that promises so much justice in our region while keeping our eyes on places as distant as Pasrur, Pakistan and Central Africa,
- the caring ministry of deacons and care buddies,
- and much more than I can ever recount, so much so I fear missing an example that might be near and dear to your heart. Please forgive me my oversight!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the financial generosity of our congregation toward our Building God’s Future campaign as we stand at the verge of our next stage of renovation progress. Specifically, the refurbishment of our well-worn kitchen, our need to improve our audio/video technology in Ryerson Fellowship Hall, and our

obligation to replace key components of our HVAC system are all to be anticipated e.g. the boiler that has gone out more than once over the winter and was repaired with chewing gum and prayer in preparation for replacement this summer and fall.

(Allow me to digress momentarily to a story. I know that for many of us our building seems relatively new: Didn’t we just move in here from downtown? Last year on a Sunday afternoon, a fire alarm got pulled by a mischievous person. Our fine organist and pianist Melissa Moll kept her head and helped me keep mine. We managed to evacuate our Holy Jerusalem friends from the building, call the fire department, and silence the alarm and reset it. Eventually two firemen arrived to check on our building and make sure that all was well. When one of them went down to our boiler room where the fire alarm equipment is housed, he quickly found his colleague and brought him into the same space. The second fellow whistled and said, “Wow! The last time I saw a fire alarm system like this was in a museum! Imagine they have one here in town that is still operational.” I didn’t ask them what they thought of our boiler.)

After years of budget pruning, we know that we will need a burst of increased income for our operating budget this year in order to maintain our congregation’s momentum. Pastor Paul Akin, who has filled our pulpit on occasion and who has made a home here with his spouse Marcia, has volunteered to help us this year with our stewardship campaign. He believes strongly in how God is at work in our congregation and in all of you, and our session has joyfully accepted his offer to help lead. Pastor Paul comes with amazing experience and wisdom, as well as fresh perspective and energy, so he is a perfect match to our need for a successful, robust financial stewardship campaign for the glory of God and our annual budget.

I am writing you in order to give us all a head’s up to open our eyes to God’s abundance toward us and to consider all that God is doing at and through First Presbyterian Church. I also ask you to embrace the leadership of Pastor Paul, as you have my own, and to realize how deeply committed he is to all of us. He wants to see us increase in the capacity for generosity that he believes that we have, both financially and in our spiritual gifts.

As of this year, I have been in ministry for 35 years. As of August, I will have been in ministry with you for 10 years. Admitting my 60 years of aging and periodically aching bones, nevertheless here is the truth: When I flag in energy I have only to think of you and my ancient zeal to serve God is rekindled. You are an amazing congregation, and I have to assume that by God’s grace, and your response to that grace, the best is yet to come.

Love and blessings, your pastor, Sam

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**Applications are now being accepted for the  
William B. and Sharon P. Oglesby Scholarship at  
The University of Iowa – deadline is June 5.**



In 2002, William and Sharon Oglesby, members of FPC, made a gift to The University of Iowa Foundation to establish a scholarship for deserving UI students who are members of First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City.

“Sharon and I have worked in education at the high school and university levels our whole lives,” William Oglesby said, “and we believe education is the biggest factor not only in one’s financial success, but in one’s aesthetic enjoyment of life.” Added Sharon Oglesby, “The scholarship seemed like a way to blend our lifelong commitments to education and to the Presbyterian Church.” The Oglesby Scholarship is awarded based on need and merit.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- The applicant must be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, Iowa.
- The applicant must be attending The University of Iowa in 2018-19.
- The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Application must be made using the form available in the Church office.
- The scholar(s) will be recommended by the FPC Scholarship Committee to The University of Iowa Foundation. The grant will be awarded by The University of Iowa Financial Aid office.
- The application and all supportive documentation must be postmarked or delivered to the Church office (2701 Rochester Ave., Iowa City, Iowa 52245) no later than June 5, 2018.

All applicants, recipients and those not receiving a scholarship award, will be notified no later than the last Friday in June. One or more scholarships will be awarded.

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**Please Say Yes!**

Johnson County Interfaith Cluster one-on-ones continue during May, so if you are approached by an FPC friend or neighbor and asked for a one-on-one, an interview or a conversation about your and our region, they all mean the same thing, so **Please say Yes!** Your input is important to achieve just circumstances for all those living in our community. **Thank you!**

**Deacons Bench**

The Deacons would like to thank the members of First Presbyterian Church for their support of this year’s NAMI Johnson and Linn County Walk! The walk was held on April 28 at Terry Trueblood Recreation area and held to support mental health in Johnson County. The Deacons walked in memory of Cedric Lee, a Deacon and strong supporter of mental health, especially in support of veterans. “Cedric’s Crew” was able to raise over \$600 in 2 weeks. The Deacons appreciate those who contributed, raised money and walked in honor of Cedric!



Mark your  
Calendar



**FPC Men's Group** will be taking a summer break.

Our last gathering until fall will be Wednesday, May 23. Any questions should be directed to John Barr at barrjohn@sau.edu



### FPC Book Club Invites You to Join Us

May 30, *True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

We meet the last Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. at 1095 Silvercrest Circle #223 (Legacy Senior Living, Scott Blvd.). Bring your lunch and share in the fellowship. For more information, contact Jan Walker, 358-6737.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

- Join us in Coover Lounge from 9:30–10:30 a.m. We are continuing to study the Book of Romans. The class is led by Pastor Sam.

• **Our last gathering for the season will be May 23. Stay tuned for more information about the fall topic in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.**

• **New members ALWAYS welcome.**

Thanks!

Dear FPC Congregation and Friends,

*It is with sadness that this year's Book and Bake Sale was my last. I think 12 years is long enough. I have really enjoyed preparing for the sale and am tired and glad when it's over.*

*I would like to THANK everyone who has helped over the years by collecting books and puzzles, baking wonderful treats, helping to sort through the books during the week and of course those who worked during the sale and those who came to buy. What a wonderful supportive church you are, and the Women's Coordinating Team and Four Oaks Iowa City are very grateful! This year we raised \$1,915, which gives each group \$957.*

*No one stepped forward to take over the Book & Bake Sale in 2019, BUT there is a volunteer in 2020, after she retires. PLEASE continue to save your books and puzzles and tell your friends that after one year it will return. The last two years without any set prices we have received our biggest incomes, so that was definitely a great idea! Bless you all!*

Sharon Raffensperger



**The annual Iowa City Pride Parade is a tradition of fun for the whole family.**

**Join FPC as a participant or just watch with friends, Saturday, June 16.**

**The parade starts at 1 p.m. at College Green Park and travels through downtown Iowa City for approximately 30 to 45 minutes.**

**After the Parade, there are many events throughout downtown.**

**Join us as we celebrate acceptance and diversity.**

**For more information or to sign up, contact Brian Kleis at [keyser257@yahoo.com](mailto:keyser257@yahoo.com)**

# First's Family

If you have a news item for the First's Family News, please submit it for publication by July 1 to [tammy.foster@firstpreswacacity.org](mailto:tammy.foster@firstpreswacacity.org). Thank you!

## May 15-31

05/16 Faraja Bigaba  
05/21 Leticia Mahinga  
05/22 Jim Claypool  
05/23 Nancy Gardner  
05/24 Sarah Harris  
05/25 Ila Howe  
05/25 Aziza Bigaba  
05/26 Kathy Follows  
05/26 Ann Robinson  
05/27 Jan Erickson  
05/27 Chris Miller  
05/27 Brian Morris  
05/29 Clyde Seery  
05/30 Jane Cranston  
05/30 Brenda Bradley  
05/31 Ann Feddersen

## June

6/1 Chase Eckland  
6/3 Dale Kraus  
6/3 Karen Hurt  
6/3 Amy Fletcher  
6/3 Mark Harris  
6/4 Alice Martin  
6/6 Rebecca Bigaba  
6/7 Susan Massey

6/8 Jennifer Adams  
6/9 Arielle Soemadi  
6/11 LeeAnn Koch  
6/11 Cora Claypool  
6/11 Will Claypool  
6/12 Paul Maxwell  
6/12 Don Ross  
6/12 Suzanne Summerwill  
6/13 Randy Howe  
6/15 Dale Sheets  
6/15 Emmanuel Kunangika  
6/16 Lara Marsh  
6/16 Marta Muilenburg  
6/16 Jocelen Hamilton  
6/17 Warren Jensen  
6/19 Kathryn Feagins  
6/20 Nancy Warren  
6/20 Roxanne Gustaveson  
6/20 Amy Dunkle  
6/21 Gwyneth Forsythe  
6/22 Ruth Westfall  
6/22 Lydia Smith  
6/23 Sue Maccarillo  
6/23 Brent Morgan  
6/23 Jack Degner  
6/25 Pete Van Gerpen  
6/25 Layne Sheetz  
6/25 Israel Mahinga  
6/28 Pauline Miller  
6/29 Elliott Soemadi

## July 1-15

7/1 Sara Miller  
7/2 Pat Van Gerpen  
7/2 John Phipps  
7/2 Scott Pottorff  
7/2 Mutula Kasiriba  
7/2 Flint Mahinga  
7/2 Alex Jacobus  
7/3 William Oglesby  
7/3 Saira Steen  
7/5 Kevin Viksten  
7/6 Paul Schaefer  
7/6 Rebecca Stockman  
7/7 Janice Baumbach  
7/7 Emily Scott  
7/9 Lee Tuppe  
7/9 Sunhyoung Lee  
7/10 John Barr  
7/10 MaryHelen Kennerly  
7/12 Janice Wilson  
7/13 John Raffensperger  
7/14 Bob Youngquist  
7/15 Erica Dodge  
7/15 Jesse Mahinga  
7/16 Virginia Hall  
7/16 Esther Viksten  
7/16 Debbie Beermann

## Baptized in the Holy Spirit



**Graham David Michael Scott**, son of **Emily and David Scott**, was baptized on April 22 by Pastor Sam Massey at First Presbyterian Church;

Pastor Sam Massey baptized **Ruby Josephine**

**Anderson**, daughter of **Sara Swartz** and **Michael Anderson**, May 13 at First Presbyterian Church.



*Known to have been Hospitalized:*  
**Eric Scholtz, Mary Ann Clemons and Jan Erickson**



On April 15 **Henry Paul Miller** was born to **Katie and Matt Miller** and big sister **Addy** of North Liberty. Grandparents are FPC members **Keith and Mary Jo Keith**.

## Births



# summer BREAK

## FUN IN THE SUN!

**Saturday, June 9, 10–1 p.m.**

Bring your wheels (strollers, trikes, bikes, rollerblades, scooters) for a leisurely roll around Terry Trueblood Recreation Area! We'll rock, and we'll roll! Bring a picnic lunch!

**Saturday, July 7, 10–1 p.m.**

Bring your water shoes and come for a water walk at the Devonian Fossil Gorge! We'll explore and find some fossils! Bring a picnic lunch!

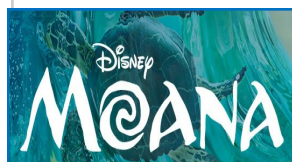
**Saturday, July 28, 10–2 p.m.**

Beach Day at Lake McBride! Bring your swimsuits and a picnic lunch to enjoy some surf and sun!

## LET'S SING-A-LONG!

Join us in FPC's Lower Level in the heat of the day to stay cool with some rocking tunes! We'll watch a favorite Disney movie and sing, dance, and play together! Be sure to bring any toys and wear any costumes that might go with our movie of choice!

Saturday,  
June 23,  
1–3:30 p.m.



Saturday,  
August 11  
1–3:30 p.m.



Join us for PHASE 1: Summer 2018. In a Universe of Marvel movies, we want to start near the beginning ... with the first Avenger; Captain America. Join us select Wednesdays this summer, bring a potluck dish to share, and join the Earth's Mightiest Heroes.

**Wednesday, June 6: 6 p.m.**

Captain America: The First Avenger

**Wednesday, June 20: 6 p.m.**

Marvel's The Avengers

**Wednesday, July 11: 6 p.m.**

Captain America: The Winter Solider

**Wednesday, July 25: 6 p.m.**

Avengers: The Age of Ultron

**Wednesday, August 15: 6 p.m.**

Capitan America: Civil War

## Special Summertime Events



**Monday, July 16**

8 a.m.–7 p.m. \*Meet at FPC\*

\$35 a person + lunch on own

Youth must have medical form

\*\*Must have check to Anna by July 1\*\*



**Monday, August 20**

8 a.m.–7 p.m. \*Meet at FPC\*

\$45 a person (includes lunch ticket)

Youth must have medical form

\*\* Must have check to Anna by August 1\*\*

# Congratulations

## Class of 2018



**Emilia Thedens is the daughter of Dan and Laurie Thedens.**

She will be graduating from City High and attending Luther College in the fall to study music and a yet-to-be determined second major.

While at City High, Mia enjoyed participating in chamber choir, creative writing and orchestra. In her time between school and lessons, Mia has learned to cook and reads about places she would like to travel to. At First Presbyterian, she was involved in youth, bells, choir, churchestra and enjoyed volunteering for the cookie walk.

**Andrew Franz is the son of Jeff and Cathe Franz, and will be graduating from City High School.**



Andrew has had academic success at City High in taking several advanced placement or honors classes in the math and science area. He was on the City High bowling team and received a varsity letter all 4 years and obtained MVC Honorable Mention his Junior and Senior years. At FPC, Andrew was part of the youth choir during high school and actively participated in Youth Sunday his Junior and Senior Years. His favorite time of year is always Easter when he gets to help the younger kids during the Easter egg hunt.

With the Youth Group, Andrew participated in the Rosebud Mission trip to South Dakota in the summer of 2016 and the Asheville Mission Trip to North Carolina in the summer of 2017. For his future, Andrew is attending Kirkwood in the fall and plans to continue at the University of Iowa after his 2 year degree to finish his 4-year degree in Business Management.

**Lauren Fehr is the daughter of Tim and Cathy Fehr and will be graduating from Iowa City West High.**

Lauren has been active in several FPC activities over the years. She most recently traveled to Asheville, NC for the 2017 mission trip.





## Worship & Arts Ministry

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!  
Worship God with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing!*



Thank you to everyone who participated in worship music leadership this year! The volunteers who gave of their time and talents to serve in Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, JuBELLation, FPC Brass and Woodwind ensembles, Churchestra, soloists, and pianists for 8 a.m. worship services have helped to provide meaningful worship throughout the year. God bless you and see you in the fall!

### Summer soloists

Our singing and instrumental choirs graciously provide worship leadership from September through June. For the Sundays from June 10–Sept. 2, they will get a well-deserved vacation. During that time we welcome soloists to provide music each Sunday for our 10:30 a.m. service. Adults who have musical gifts you'd like to share, whether vocal or instrumental, college students home for the summer, children and youth who have appropriate repertoire for worship—all are welcome to sign up for a Sunday of music leadership. There is a sign-up sheet on the choir room door (down the hall near the bathrooms), or you may contact Leah Bergman at 351-2660 or [leah.bergman@firstpreswacivacy.org](mailto:leah.bergman@firstpreswacivacy.org).



### Summer “Drop-In” Choir

Are you interested in singing in choir but don't have the time to commit during the year? Have you wanted to give it a try but feel intimidated? Do you want to try something new and creative with a low commitment this summer? Come on the first Sunday of the summer months to the FPC summer “Drop-In” choir!

**When:** Sundays June 3, July 1, August 5, and September 2

**Time:** 9:15 a.m.

**How:** Just show up on the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. We will learn an easy, fun, accessible piece of music and then sing it during worship that day!

**Who:** Anyone willing to give this a try. Ages 10 and up welcome!

Bring friends and family and have fun making music with one another!

## Refugee Sunday

June 17



In celebration of World Refugee Day (June 20), we will have a special worship service and fellowship hour on Sunday, June 17 starting at 10:30 a.m. The worship service will include a guest preacher and musicians as well as a celebration of Holy Communion. Following the service there will be an event with food, video presentation, and speakers from the refugee community sharing their stories.

We hope to welcome guests and visitors in support of refugees in our community and around the world.



# Visit the Prayer Center and Labyrinth this summer

## Prayer Center

Did you know that each year the youth who are confirmed prepare a final project as part of their confirmation process?

The projects of the 2018 confirmands have been used as the inspiration for new prayer stations in the prayer center. Each project was based on a scripture text chosen by the confirmand and then expanded using their creative gifts. You are invited to pray, read, and meditate on these scriptures and projects.

The prayer center also contains many take-home ideas for ways to incorporate prayer into your everyday life as an individual and as a family.

*The prayer center is located on the lower level at the end of the right-hand hallway (just past the family resource room).*

## Labyrinth



Did you know that the church has a labyrinth and meditation garden located at the bottom of the parking lot?

Consider making a ritual of visiting and walking the labyrinth this summer. If you live close by, make it your mid-week devotion. Or, in the absence of pre-worship activities this summer, come early on a Sunday and ready yourself for worship by walking the labyrinth.

Not sure what to do?

### ***How to Walk a Labyrinth***

1. *Enter the space slowly, calming and clearing your mind.*
2. *You may choose to use a repeated prayer, mantra or chant.*
3. *Open your senses and focus on the process of taking slow and deliberate steps.*
4. *Bring to mind a prayer or spiritual question to contemplate during the walk to the center.*
5. *Reaching the center, pause to reflect, pray, listen for an answer or for deeper revelation.*
6. *Now begin the return journey.*
7. *Pray or reflect further.*
8. *Upon exiting, use further reflection, prayer, or journaling to absorb the experience.*

### **The Five Finger Prayer**



## April Session Highlights

*~submitted by Nancy Weber*



The session met on April 17 in Coover Lounge at 7 p.m. Pastor Sam called the meeting to order and lit the Christ candle. Elder Dwight Miller led us in devotions. He read a passage from I Corinthians reminding us not to give up hope. We need a reminder of the Easter exuberance, the Good News of the Easter message.

We welcomed REALM Planning's Jeremy Fletcher, as well as Leah Bergman and Anna Sheetz.

The baptism of Mirayah Hagemeister on Easter vigil night, March 31, 2018, was noted.

The birth of Braxton Chase Burtness, son of Jordan Kolarik and Chase Burtness, born on March 29, 2018, was also noted.

Clerk relayed a thank you expressed by an FPC member that the upcoming meetings on immigrants were open to all, and feedback from congregation members was encouraged.

Treasurer Larry Bruner reported that overall income is lagging a bit this year compared to last year at this time. The Walker Trust money has not yet been received.

Session approved minutes of the March 20, 2018 stated session meeting and minutes of the March 27, 2018 special session meeting to welcome confirmands.

Transfer of membership of Ron and Sheri Cole to East Campus, Parkview Church, Iowa City was approved, as was Mary Ann Spilger's name being moved to the Inactive list at her request.

Session approved via email (per the family's permission) use of the Woodburn (MaryAnn and Bob) Memorial to fund four signs that will indicate special parking spaces for young families (specifically, with very young children). These will be near handicapped persons' and visitors' parking spots (two below, two up top). These signs are consistent with the Woodburns' love for children and will make our congregation more visitor friendly, especially in light of the number of young families being drawn to our congregation right now. This action had already been approved by the Endowment and Memorials Committee.

The 2018 Trunk Sale net proceeds will go into the Green Initiatives funds that will be used to encourage Earth Care projects that are overseen by Servanthood Ministry. Session decided, and authorized the receiving of a donor gift to pay for a banner advertising the Trunk Sale to be posted on church property.

Session also authorized staff to approve sale of church items that can be found in the main building and garage at the Trunk Sale, with prior notification to the Ministries of these approved items for the sake of their input.

A motion from CCIT and B&G was approved – to hire Hawkeye Environmental for the purpose of testing for asbestos and lead paint in the following areas: 1) kitchen floor and walls, 2) storage room (next to kitchen) floor and walls, 3) locations (Ryerson Fellowship Hall entrance, lower level library, and choir loft just south of organ) affected by potential elevator installation, and 4) boiler room and locations (5 to 7) that may be affected by boiler installation. Estimated cost is not to exceed \$1,400.

REALM Planning's Jeremy Fletcher reviewed recent changes to the FPC REALM Planning Organization Plan 2018, and Session approved the Plan. Appreciation for their work was expressed to Jeremy and Elder Carol Ulch.

B&G presented a motion, which Session approved, asking to proceed with the purchase of a new lawn mower, at the cost of \$3,500, from Pyramid Services in Iowa City. The equipment is a John Deere X370. The trade-in of the current mower will reduce the cost to \$3,250.

In a motion from Servanthood, permission was requested to hold a fundraiser from Panera to benefit DVIP. Panera will give 20% of proceeds on a particular day on orders given by patrons who present a specific card/coupon to DVIP. Session approved the motion.

\$3,000 of the Cedric Lee memorial at First Presbyterian Church was voted to be entrusted to the Community Foundation of Johnson County, as a match with \$2,500 pledged from outside sources, with the annual income from the fund designated for the benefit of those suffering from mental health issues, specifically at this time through NAMI, and the fund be named the Cedric David Lee Fund Memorial Fund for Mental Health (NAMI of Johnson County). The remaining \$745 will be contributed to the Free Lunch team to support their creation of a physical commemoration of Cedric and his importance to the First Presbyterian Free Lunch program team.

The Finance Committee will hold a training session during the May 2018 Session meeting for ruling elders on (1) interpreting church financial reports and (2) using appropriate procedures for authorizing expense payments.

A motion was approved regarding best practices for honoring long-term staff members.

Elder Michelle Bessman thanked session members for their participation in the immigrant session held after Sunday, April 15, 2018 church service. She had packets

and information for anyone unable to attend and/or interested in future meetings.

It was worth noting that about 10 members of our congregation showed up for the Cool Congregation presentation. They decided to reinstitute The Green Team, led by Becky Ross, related to Iowa Power and Light, and as part of Servanthood Ministry.

Elder Nancy Gardner spoke on the JCIC –Johnson County Interfaith Council. The people in charge of the group are the marginalized folks. FPC has a core group –Nancy, Pastor Sam, Barb Stanerson, and Bob Goodfellow, who will oversee about 12 other church people who are interviewing FPC members about their awareness of

inequality –an observation of something that is unjust or unfair in our region. Then, these observations will be brought before the group in charge.

Elder Richard Van Rheeden spoke about the Trunk Sale. Some items out in the FPC garage, intended for the Trunk Sale, may be valuable. We may need to investigate where the items came from.

Elder Amy Fletcher closed the meeting with prayer. The next session meeting will be held May 15, 2018 at 7 p.m., in Coover Lounge.



THANK YOU for your generosity in filling our *March Hair and April Showers* mission boxes. So many items I could not count all but bet it was near a thousand. Shelter House, Four Oaks and DVIP received these with grateful thanks.

We are taking a breather for May, but June is not far behind. **June Tees is the theme and we are looking for new t-shirts, any size or color.** Again, this is a \$10 mission so please only do what you can. Look for the sales. We will have the box out in June.

Thank you, again!  
Judy Terry

**MONEY**



**MATTERS**

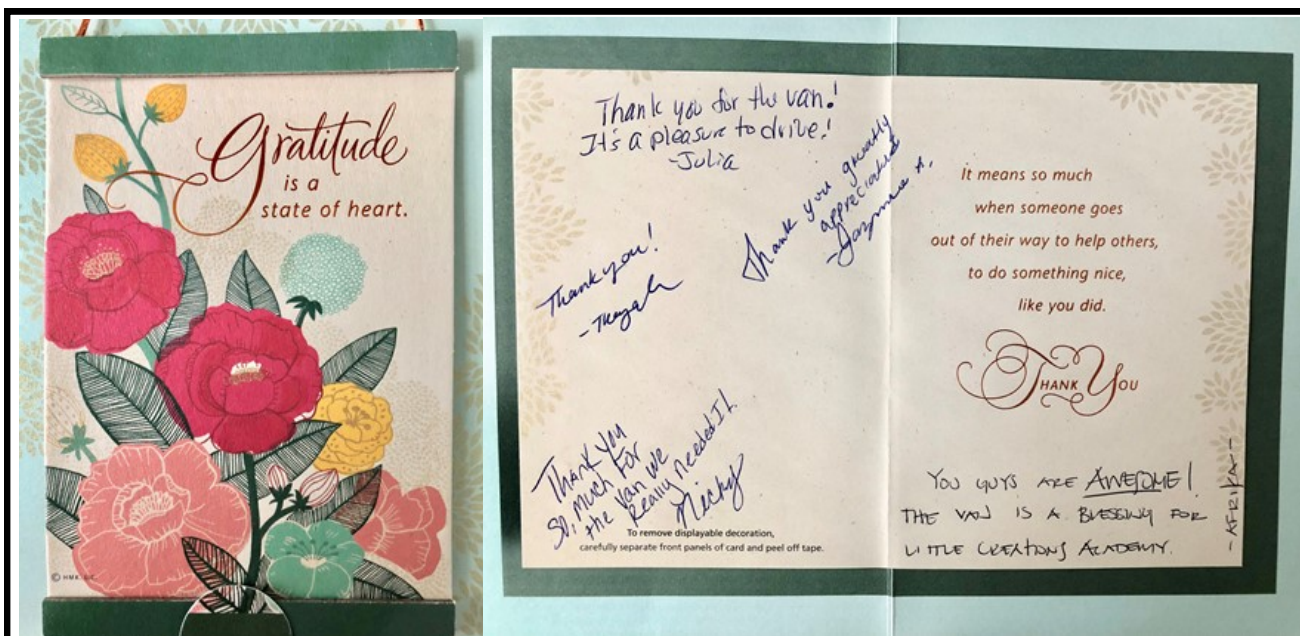
*Larry Bruner, Treasurer*

	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Misc. Income</b> <small>Building Use, Walker Trust, Bank interest, etc.</small>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Over/Short</b>
1st Quarter	\$121,464.86	\$683.77	\$122,148.63	\$144,112.58	-\$21,963.95
April	\$39,089.11	\$356.33	\$39,445.44	\$51,770.16	-\$12,234.72
<b>2018 Totals</b>	<b>\$160,553.97</b>	<b>\$1,040.10</b>	<b>\$161,594.07</b>	<b>\$195,882.74</b>	<b>-\$34,288.67*</b>

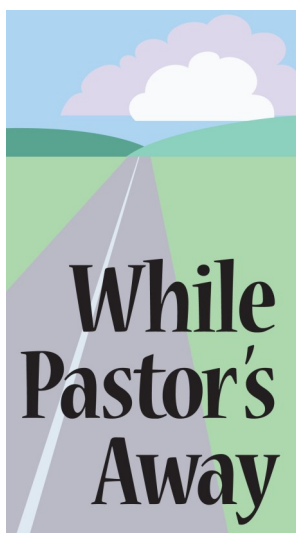


At the May **Eve Circle** meeting we made heart-shaped pillows for mastectomy patients at University Hospital. We will have 23 pillows by the time we get them all stuffed. Two of the ladies who could have used them previously said they were very comfortable and were exactly what someone going through breast cancer could use. And look, we're all smiling.





Here is the nice thank you note FPC received from the New Creations International Church in Iowa City for the 15-person van we provided them for their nursery school program, Little Creations Academy, Inc. **We are grateful to Sadie May's stewardship of the Lucille Burianek fund that made this purchase possible.**



### Pastor Sam's Time Away

By the time you receive this communication, Pastor Sam will have completed one week of his study leave.

He will also mostly likely be out of the pulpit and out of the office mid-July to mid-August, although dates are not yet certain. Arrangements will be made for pastoral care and preaching during the weeks he is away. Closer to summer, questions can be directed to our staff at 319-351-2660. Thank you!

# SAVE THE DATE!

FPC fundraiser for  
Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)

Monday, August 13, 2018

Panera Bread  
1646 Sycamore St.  
(Iowa City Marketplace)



Awareness education on Sunday, August 12, 2018

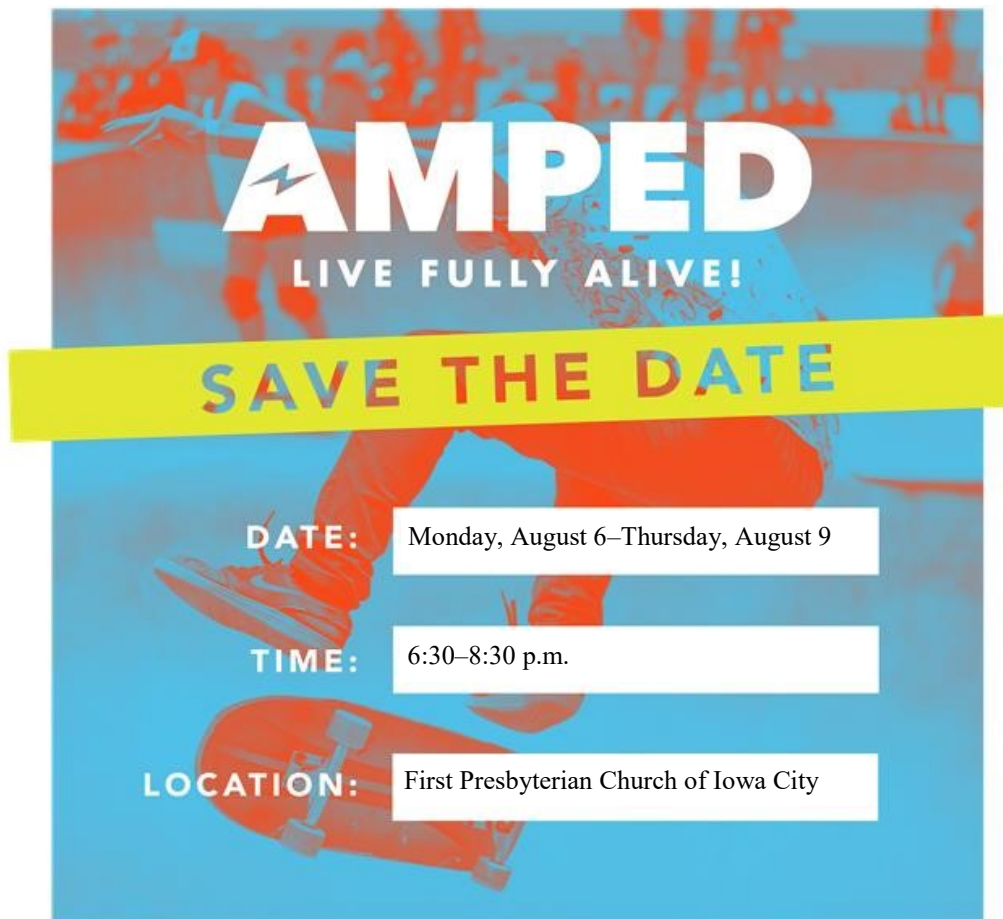


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Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

Church Office Closed Fridays

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Join us for the #bestweekever this summer at our

**"AMPED" VBX (Vacation Bible eXperience)**

**on August 6-9 from 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

We'll have engaging teaching, high-energy worship,  
awesome small group activities, rockin' recreation, and fantastic crafts!

**Sign up now at**  
**[www.makespaceforfaithfpc.com](http://www.makespaceforfaithfpc.com) >> Event Registration**

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